

Meridian District #002

Ada County

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District Characteristics 1996-97

Fall Enrollment 1996-97	19,624	Special Education:	
Average Daily Attendance	18,657	Special Education Students	1,824
State Ranking per ADA	2	Gifted and Talented Students	2,369
Number of Schools (sites):		Number of LEP Students	117
Elementary	16	National School Lunch Program:	
Secondary	9	% Average Daily Participation	50%
Number of Schools:		% Free and Reduced Meals	12%
Accredited	15	Average Lunch Price - Elementary	\$1.00
Accredited with Comment	7	Average Lunch Price - Secondary	\$1.25
Advised & Advised with Comment	1	Pupil Transportation Program:	
Warned	0	Average Daily Ridership 1995-96	9,029
High School Graduates:		District Owned Operation	
High School Diplomas-Regular	1,108		
Other Completions*	10		

* Includes Certificates of Completion, State Diplomas and High School Equivalencies (age 19 & under)

Superintendent's Highlights

The 1996-97 school year was another outstanding one for the Meridian School District. It was highlighted by the construction of four new elementary schools and strong test scores. Test scores were well above the national and state average and exceeded most other districts in the state. The four new elementary schools will relieve severely overcrowded elementary schools across the district. The district spent over \$3 million wiring schools for Internet access, installing telephones in every classroom and purchasing additional computers. Growth in enrollment continued to be the highest in the state. Statewide, 47% of all new students entering Idaho schools enrolled in the Meridian School District.

Progress Towards Meeting District Goals

1996-97 Goals

Progress

Focus on active involvement of students in learning activities by 1) reducing lectures, 2) integrating technology, where appropriate, and 3) utilizing more and varied activities.

Progress has been made in this area, Building principals worked with teachers to reduce the amount of lecture time and increased more and varied activities. Five computers were placed in every 3rd, 4th and 5th grade classroom and their use integrated into the curriculum.

Increase the number of vocational education course offerings, increase the number of students enrolled in current vocational courses and expand programs such as *Career Pathways*

The career pathway program has been expanded to include the use of senior portfolios. The number of vocational offerings has been increased and the number of students enrolling has improved.

Provide expanded opportunities for student, parental and community involvement in their local school

Good progress was made in this area with more parents than ever involved in their schools. Building principals are using more committees to help make building decisions.

Successfully complete construction and open four new elementary schools by the beginning of the 1997-98 school year

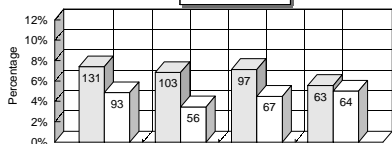
This goal will be complete by August 1, 1997. Plans are now under way for the next bond issue to build a middle school.

Student Profiles

Ethnicity

Race	Male	Female	Total
White	48.86%	45.42%	94.28%
Black	0.45%	0.34%	0.79%
Hispanic	1.53%	1.17%	2.70%
Nat. Amer.	0.16%	0.19%	0.35%
Asian	0.93%	0.95%	1.88%
Total	51.93%	48.07%	100.00%

Dropouts



Year	Grd. 9	Grd. 10	Grd. 11	Grd. 12
95-96	7.40%	6.83%	7.13%	5.56%
96-97	4.85%	3.45%	4.48%	5.00%

Numbers in graph represent actual dropout counts per grade

Financial Information 1996-97

	M & O Fund	%	All Funds	%
Revenues:				
Local Taxes	\$11,340,561	15.95%	\$22,806,111	20.43%
Other Sources	1,380,688	1.94%	25,439,960	22.79%
State	58,394,487	82.11%	60,308,476	54.02%
Federal	3,000	0.00%	3,084,100	2.76%
Total	\$71,118,736	100.00%	\$111,638,647	100.00%

Supplemental Information:

Property Tax Replacement	\$2,990,482
Lottery Revenues	\$774,100
Technology Grant	\$649,503

	Total	%	ADA	Rank
Expenditures:				
M & O Instruction	\$45,274,096	65.29%		
M & O Support Programs	22,590,585	32.58%		
M & O Other	1,479,352	2.13%		
Total M & O	\$69,344,033	100.00%	\$3,717	103
Total ALL Funds	\$107,740,183	100.00%	\$5,775	70

Tax Levies at 9-1-96

	Total	Per ADA	Rank
Property Market Values	\$3,359,248,533	\$180,049	61
Total M & O Levy	0.003340612		56
Total School Levy	0.006715696		35

Staff Data 1996-97

District Personnel:

	FTE	ADA to FTE
Elementary Teachers	534.64	19
Secondary Teachers	433.12	19
Administrators	71.50	261
Other Certified Staff	91.42	204
Total Certified Staff	1,130.68	17
Total Non-Certified Staff	545.74	34

Teachers Salaries:

		Rank
Beginning Salary on Schedule	\$20,900	
Highest Salary on Schedule	\$42,166	
Average Elementary Teacher's Salary	\$31,109	33
Average Secondary Teacher's Salary	\$30,626	48
Superintendent's Salary	\$89,000	4

Note: Rank represents how this district compares to the other 111 public school districts in the State of Idaho; high to low (1 being the highest).
 "Totals" may not sum due to rounding.

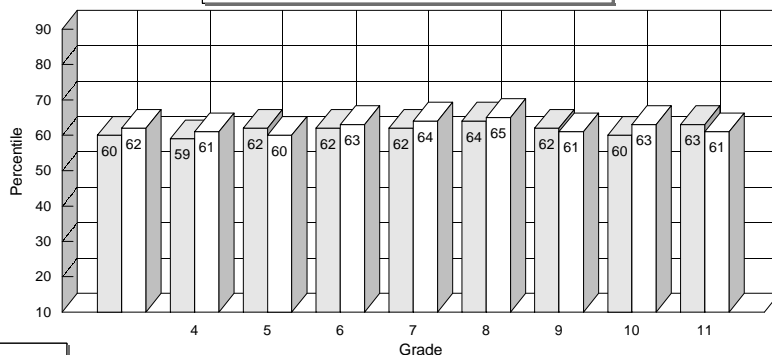


Testing Information 1996-97

Grades 3 through 8 participate in ITBS and grades 9 through 11 participate in TAP standardized testing of basic skills. This graph indicates where students in each Idaho district place in relation to students nationally (the national average percentile is 50).

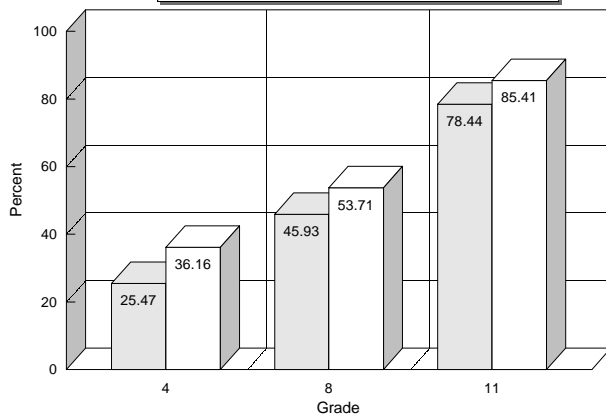
Standard Testing Results

ITBS and TAP



Direct Writing Assessment

percent proficient at grade level



The direct writing assessment provides another indication of what our students know and are able to do in this basic skill area,